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Jeffrey M. Achtermann et al. : L. Jacobs

Serial No.: 09/438,437 : Group Art Unit: 2157

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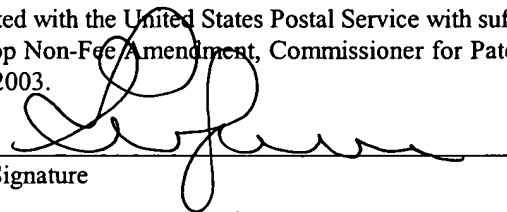
Sir:

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 7, 2003 (Paper No. 5), with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 7, 2003, reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks:

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